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1. Rob Van Dam and Hardy Boyz v 2. Dudley Boyz and William Regal

3v3Tag

1RAW 3:53.09 60 (12:54) 1r-2r-1j-2b-2d-E-1m-1r

FiveStarFrogSplash-Pin; Good early with some late pickup, some convolution but a late flurry, good merits.

Though it has been done before, like the finisher move series to cap the match. Pace was generally moderate though it suffered a little dropout. Had some convolution near the end but that was to be expected given the nature of the match itself. Enough drive there to be a good opening match but did not have much added effect. Good overall.

1. Rikishi v 2. Test

Singles

2RAW 1:58.03 21 Mx-2-1-2

BigBoot-Pin; Action fair when present, but pace seemed too intermittent to enjoy, pseudo-interference detracts.

Perhaps the interference is more forgivable if Perfect actually gets a shot in. Some fair yet light exchange early on but no pickup to the contest's credit. Given the output, the match was kept reasonable short. Match does nothing to build recently poor work tabs for both competitors. Still, the prospect of better will prompt patience, but for how long?

1. Goldust v 2. Al Snow

HardcoreSingles

WWF Hardcore Championship-G3

3RAW 1:01.66 07 (01:24) Mx-1-2

SnowPlowOnTrashcan-Pin; Overly short with only light exchange to speak of, with potential but disappointing.

Not much to admire here, if anything. Given the exceedingly short timeframe, would have expected a faster pace and more striking action, yet received neither here. Snow picks up his first win on the year while Goldust has his four win streak snapped. These two have demonstrated potential for better, a fact makes this all the more discouraging.

1. Kurt Angle and Booker T v 2. Edge and Big Show

2v2Tag

4RAW 4:38.86 68 Mx-2s-2s-2e-1a-1t-E-2s-1a

Anklelock-Submission; Some worthy merits with a variable pace, but lacked effect that these can promise.

Some nice spots here like the Angle Slam on Show and Edge's leap to the outside off Show. Show also gave a nice power display under a slower pace than the rest of the match. That aside, however, failing to find any spark that would push this higher. More time deserved here and can't necessarily fault lack of quality of competitors. With draw.

1. Billy Gunn w Chuck Palumbo v 2. Christian w Diamond Dallas Page

Singles

5RAW 2:08.90 05 *Mx-1-0**2

◆DiamondCutter-Pin; Light exchange at best and momentum hole at 1/2 mark doesn't help the case here.

Managed to keep the tantrum persona here, in multiple form, yet cannot really assign much merit to this as far as the match goes. Christian gets a win, but because it follows nothing convincing in the ring, where is the value? Value comes more in setting up the post match confrontation but hard to make the argument that doesn't find this empty.

1. Lita and Trish Stratus v 2. Stacy Keibler and Jazz

2v2Tag

6RAW 2:24.41 25 (02:41) 2j-1l-2j-2s-1l-1x-2j

RollUp-Pin; Fair exchanges under off moderate pace, cliched finish sequence, light merits found here.

Trish continues to demonstrate her improved form in the ring. Still waiting for something valuable from Stacy. Jazz and Lita seemed sound here. Probably a good move to eliminate Stacy from the finish almost entirely although the finish itself was trite. Not discouraging, but not a lot of brightness here, efforts aside. Better in next match maybe?

1. The Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin v 2. n.W.o.

3v2Handicap

7RAW 9:13.12 80 Mx-1r-2n-2h-1s-2s-2n-2s-2s-E-1r-2h

LegDrop-Pin; Good action, pace steadied, proportionate, light drive close and finish elements somewhat surprising.

Some promising performances from the returning Nash and Hogan. Hall is on a steady rise in quality as well which bodes well for WM. Most interesting is Hogan pinning the Rock, which could add to the intrigue for WM as well. Steadied pace was well suited for this match. Nothing earth shattering here, but a drawing piece no less. Best of night.

BREAKDOWNS: Time: 7 Matches with 0 No contest (25:18:07) about 19.46 % of show time.

Types: 2 Singles (0 Title Matches); 3 Tag (0 Title Matches);
1 HardcoreSingles (1 Title Match); 1 3v2Handicap

3 instances of interference (1 meaningful); Meaningful interference
5RAW *ChuckPalumbo (2), DiamondDallasPage

Average Match Rating (6 Matches) 38.00

Extraneous Segment Aggregate 8.00

Overall Show Score 46.00

BestOfTheNight: 7RAW TheRock and StoneColdSteveAustin v n.W.o.

WorstOfTheNight: 5RAW BillyGunn v Christian

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Title Changes: AlSnow NewWWFHardcoreChampion

Turns: Christian on DiamondDallasPage, if that means anything.

Show assessment: Some good stuff to draw but not nearly enough given the proximity to Wrestlemania. Looking to SmackDown! with some reason to maintain hope.

RATINGS: I still continue with the system of using pre-match action and post-match to value a contest while giving the primary emphasis to the match itself which includes basic ring psychology, pace, mechanics and execution of move sets and high spots, the finish and its enjoy-ability, and how much the match advances a story line, if there is one to advance. But another element that I must convey is that I let the opening match or two set a baseline and then perform some degree of comparison of later contests to the baseline.

NON-MATCH SEGMENTS AND SCORES

●BoardMeeting (0) Oh no. I don't like where this is going. VinceOnFlair But an open mind for now.
●Angle/Booker/Edge (+2) Humor on so many levels. Dorkaroon!
●Steph/HHH/Lucy (0) At least the dog isn't in halves.
●Y2J/Steph/Lucy (0) Please press MUTE button now.
●Y2J Walks Lucy (0) Learning towards the OFF button now.
●DDP/Christian (+1) Has Obi Wan Page's training paid off for young Christian Skywalker?
Billy/Chuck

●VinceVideoOfFlair (0) Been there, done that, made a video. On SmackDown! Apparently, so did they.
●Lucy Ran Over (0) Bring on the animal rights activists.
●HHH to Lucy's Aid (0) I could have sworn Jericho would have assaulted him here.
●Steph is afraid (0) Yes Steph, he will get you eventually, but Y2J reassures maybe not soon enough.
●Divas at WWFNY (0) More Lawler idiocy serum.

●Board To Vote (0) Moment of truth.
●HHH returns (+1) And he set off the metal detector!
●Steph/HHH/Y2J (+2) Well placed assault here. He did it once, and sledgehammer and looks to do it again.
●VoteOf Confidence (0) From who? I want names here. For Vince
●nWo on WM (+1) Only six days to go. Feel the tension.
●Post7RAW nWo (+1) Possible scene at WM as well?

CLOSING NOTES:

- Lucy's presence on TV, bad idea, enough said.
- Showing segments from the board meeting, annoying, also see #1 for details.
- I was hoping HHH had a killer weapon concealed when he set off the metal detector.
- Kurt Angle, delusional coolness, coming to a psychology textbook near your university or school.
- It was something when Show launched Spike off his shoulders, now Edge. When it gets to Kane, pray for the recipients' well being.